

# INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT FOR FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS

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## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The building in which you now live is in an area to be improved by the **Redevelopment Agency of the City of San Diego** (the Agency). As the project schedule proceeds, it will be necessary for you to move from your dwelling. You will be notified in a timely manner as to the date by which you must move.

Please read this information as it will be helpful to you in determining your eligibility and the amount of your relocation benefits under the federal and/or state law. We suggest you save this informational statement for reference.

The Agency has retained the services of Overland, Pacific & Cutler, Inc., a qualified professional relocation firm, to assist you. The firm is available to explain the program and benefits. Their address and telephone number is:



**Overland, Pacific & Cutler, Inc.**  
**3170 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 200**  
**San Diego, CA 92103**  
**Telephone: (619) 688-7980**

Spanish speaking representatives are available. **Si necesita esta información en Español, por favor llame a su representante.**

**PLEASE DO NOT MOVE PREMATURELY. THIS IS NOT A NOTICE TO VACATE YOUR DWELLING.** However, if you desire to move sooner than required, you must contact your representative with Overland, Pacific & Cutler, Inc., so you will not jeopardize any benefits. This is a general informational brochure only, and is not intended to give a detailed description of either the law or regulations pertaining to the Agency's relocation assistance program.

**Please continue to pay your rent to your current landlord, otherwise you may be evicted and jeopardize the relocation benefits to which you may be entitled to receive. Once the Agency acquires the property, you will also be required to pay rent to the Agency.**

## II. ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING A REPLACEMENT DWELLING

The Agency, through its representatives, will assist you in locating a comparable replacement dwelling by providing referrals to appropriate and available housing units. You are encouraged to actively seek such housing yourself.

When a suitable replacement dwelling unit has been found, your relocation consultant will carry out an inspection and advise you as to whether the dwelling unit meets decent, safe and sanitary housing requirements. A decent, safe and sanitary housing unit provides adequate space for its occupants, proper weatherproofing and sound heating, electrical and plumbing systems. Your new dwelling must pass inspection before relocation assistance payments can be authorized.

## III. MOVING BENEFITS

If you must move as a result of displacement by the Agency, you will receive a payment to assist in moving your personal property. There are two types of moving payments. You have the option of selecting either one of the following types of moving payments:

### A. Fixed Moving Payment

A Fixed Moving Payment is based upon the number of rooms you occupy and whether or not you own your own furniture. The payment is based upon a schedule approved by the Agency, and ranges, for example, from \$375 for one furnished room to \$2,000 for eight rooms in an unfurnished dwelling. (For details see the table below). Your relocation representative will inform you of the amount you are eligible to receive if you choose this type of payment.

FIXED MOVING SCHEDULE - CALIFORNIA (effective June 2005)			
Occupant owns furniture		Occupant does NOT own furniture	
1 room	\$625.00	1 room	\$400.00
2 rooms	\$800.00	each additional room	\$65.00
3 rooms	\$1,000.00		
4 rooms	\$1,175.00		
5 rooms	\$1,425.00		
6 rooms	\$1,650.00		
7 rooms	\$1,900.00		
8 rooms	\$2,150.00		
each additional room	\$225.00		

If you select a fixed payment, you will be responsible for arranging for your own move and the Agency will assume no liability for any loss or damage of your personal property.

### B. Actual Moving Expense (Professional Move)

If you wish to engage the services of a licensed commercial mover and have the Agency pay the bill, you may claim the ACTUAL cost of moving your personal property up to 50 miles. Your relocation representative will inform you of the number of competitive moving bids (if any) which may be required, and assist you in developing a scope of services for Agency approval.

#### IV. REPLACEMENT HOUSING PAYMENT - TENANTS AND CERTAIN OTHERS

You may be eligible for a payment of up to \$5,250 to assist you in renting or purchasing a comparable replacement dwelling. In order to qualify, you must either be a tenant who has occupied your present dwelling for at least 90 days prior to the Agency's first offer to purchase the property, or an owner who has occupied your dwelling for between 90 and 180 days prior to the Agency's first offer to purchase the property.

##### A. Rental Assistance

If you qualify, and **wish to rent** your replacement dwelling, your rental assistance benefits will be based upon the difference over a 42 month period between the rent you must pay for a comparable replacement dwelling and the lesser of your current rent or 30% of your gross monthly household income. You will be required to provide your relocation representative with monthly rent and household income verification prior to the determination of your eligibility for this payment.

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##### B. Down-payment Assistance

If you qualify, and **wish to purchase** a home as a replacement dwelling, you can apply up to the total amount of your rental assistance payment towards the down-payment and non-recurring incidental expenses. Your relocation representative will clarify procedures necessary to apply for this payment.

#### V. SECTION 8 TENANTS

When you do move, you may be eligible to transfer your Section 8 eligibility to a replacement site. As outlined above, you will be provided counseling and other advisory services along with moving benefits. In addition, the Agency will pay the cost of any security deposit required to rent a Section 8 approved replacement dwelling unit, and will also cover any required credit checks fees.

#### VI. REPLACEMENT HOUSING PAYMENT - HOMEOWNERS

A. If you owned and occupied a dwelling purchased by the Agency for **at least 180 days** prior to the first offer to purchase, you may be eligible to receive a payment of up to \$22,500 to assist you in purchasing a comparable replacement unit. If you owned and occupied the displacement dwelling for **at least 90 days but not more than 180 days** immediately prior to the date of the Agency's offer to purchase, you may be eligible for a payment of up to \$5,250. This payment is intended to cover the following items:

1. **Purchase Price Differential** - An amount which, when added to the amount for which the Agency purchased your property, equals the lesser of the actual cost of your replacement dwelling; **or** the amount determined by the Agency as necessary to purchase a comparable replacement dwelling. Your relocation representative will explain both methods to you.
2. **Mortgage Interest Differential** - The amount which covers the increased interest costs, if any, required to finance a replacement dwelling. Your relocation representative will explain limiting conditions.

**3. Incidental Expenses** - Those one time costs incidental to purchasing a replacement unit, such as escrow fees, recording fees, and credit report fees. Recurring expenses such as prepaid taxes and insurance premiums are not compensable.

**B.** If you are an owner-occupant and choose to rent rather than purchase a replacement dwelling, you may be eligible for a rental assistance payment of up to \$5,250. The payment will be based on the difference between the fair market rent of the dwelling you occupy and the rent you must pay for a comparable replacement dwelling.

If you receive a rental assistance payment, as described above, and later decide to purchase a replacement dwelling, you may apply for a payment equal to the amount you would have received if you had initially purchased a comparable replacement dwelling, less the amount you have already received as a rental assistance payment.

## **VII. QUALIFICATION FOR AND FILING OF RELOCATION CLAIMS**

To qualify for a Replacement Housing Payment, you must rent or purchase and occupy a comparable replacement unit **within one year from the later of** the following:

1. For a tenant, the date you move from the displacement dwelling;
2. For an owner-occupant, the date you receive final payment for the displacement dwelling, or, in the case of condemnation, the date the full amount of estimated just compensation is deposited in court; or
3. The date the Agency fulfills its obligation to make available comparable replacement dwellings.

All claims for relocation benefits must be filed with the Agency **within 18 months** from the date on which you receive final payment for your property, or the date on which you move, whichever is later.

## **VIII. LAST RESORT HOUSING ASSISTANCE**

If comparable replacement dwellings are not available when you are required to move, or if replacement housing is not available within the monetary limits described above, the Agency will provide Last Resort housing assistance to enable you to rent or purchase a replacement dwelling on a timely basis. Last Resort housing assistance is based on the individual circumstances of the displaced person. Your relocation representative will explain the process for determining whether or not you qualify for Last Resort assistance.

If you are a tenant, and you choose to purchase rather than rent a comparable replacement dwelling, the entire amount of your rental assistance and last resort eligibility must be applied toward the down-payment of the home you intend to purchase.

## **IX. RENTAL AGREEMENT**

As a result of the Agency's action to purchase the property where you live, you may become a tenant of the Agency for a certain time. If this occurs, you will be asked to sign a rental agreement which will specify the monthly rent to be paid, when rent payments are due, where they are to be paid and other pertinent information.

Except for the causes of eviction set forth below, no person lawfully occupying property to be purchased by the Agency will be required to move without having been provided with at least 90 days written notice from the Agency. Eviction will be undertaken only in the event of one or more of the following infractions:

- A. Failure to pay rent; except in those cases where the failure to pay is due to the lessor's failure to keep the premises in habitable condition, is the result of harassment or retaliatory action or is the result of discontinuation or substantial interruption of services;
- B. Performance of dangerous illegal act in the unit;
- C. Material breach of the rental agreement and failure to correct breach within 30 days of notice;
- D. Maintenance of a nuisance and failure to abate within a reasonable time following notice;
- E. Refusal to accept one of a reasonable number of offers of replacement dwellings; or
- F. The eviction is required by State or local law and cannot be prevented by reasonable efforts on the part of the public entity.

#### **X. APPEAL PROCEDURES - GRIEVANCE**

Any person aggrieved by a determination as to eligibility for a relocation payment, or the amount of a payment, may have his/her claim reviewed or reconsidered in accordance with the Agency's appeals procedure. Complete details on appeal procedures are available upon request from the Agency.

#### **XI. TAX STATUS OF RELOCATION BENEFITS**

Relocation benefit payments are not considered as income for the purpose of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the Personal Income Tax Law, Part 10 (commencing with Section 17001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or the Bank and Corporation Tax law, Part 11 (commencing with Section 23001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

#### **XII. LAWFUL PRESENCE REQUIREMENT**

Pursuant to the Public Law 105-117 of 11-21-97, in order to be eligible to receive relocation benefits in federally-funded relocation projects, all members of the household to be displaced must provide information regarding their lawful presence in the United States. In federal projects, any member of the household who is not lawfully present in the United States or declines to provide this information, may be denied relocation benefits. Relocation benefits will be prorated to reflect the number of household members with certified lawful presence in the US.

#### **XIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

Those responsible for providing you with relocation assistance hope to assist you in every way possible to minimize the hardships involved in relocating to a new home. Your cooperation will be helpful and greatly appreciated. If you have any questions at any time during the process, please do not hesitate to contact your relocation representative.